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## SENATE BILL No. 412

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 13-18-17-5.

**Synopsis:** Groundwater quality and coal mining. Requires groundwater quality standards established by the water pollution control board to set numeric criteria for surface coal mining and reclamation activities that apply at the boundary of the permit area established in a surface coal mining and reclamation operation permit.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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January 18, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Environmental Affairs.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning environmental law.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 13-18-17-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.168-1999,  
2       SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 5. (a) The water pollution control board shall  
4       adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing groundwater quality standards  
5       that include numeric and narrative criteria, a groundwater classification  
6       plan, and a method of determining where the groundwater quality  
7       standards must apply. The standards established under this subsection  
8       shall be used for the following purposes:

9               (1) To establish minimum compliance levels for groundwater  
10              quality monitoring at regulated facilities.

11             (2) To ban the discharge of effluents into potable groundwater.

12             (3) To establish health protection goals for untreated water in  
13              water supply wells.

14             (4) To establish concentration limits for contaminants in ambient  
15              groundwater.

16       (b) The following agencies shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to  
17       apply the groundwater quality standards established under this section



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- 1 to activities regulated by the agencies:
- 2 (1) The department.
- 3 (2) The department of natural resources.
- 4 (3) The state department of health.
- 5 (4) The office of the state chemist.
- 6 (5) The office of the state fire marshal.
- 7 **(c) Groundwater quality standards established in rules adopted**
- 8 **under subsection (a) must set numeric criteria:**
- 9 **(1) for coal mining activities regulated under IC 14-34; and**
- 10 **(2) that apply at the boundary of the permit area (as defined**
- 11 **in IC 14-8-2-200) established in a permit issued under**
- 12 **IC 14-34 to conduct a surface coal mining and reclamation**
- 13 **operation.**

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